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In re application of

Hiroki SATO et al.

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INOCULATING AGENT, SPAWNED INSECT
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING FRUIT
BODIES OF ENTOMOPATHOGENIC FUNGI
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 7 and 8 as follows:

7. (Amended) A method of producing fruit bodies of an entomopathogenic fungus according to claim 5, wherein said insect is in a form of a pupa.

8. (Amended) A method of producing fruit bodies of an entomopathogenic fungus according to claim 5, wherein said entomopathogenic fungus is a fungus belonging to the genus *Cordyceps*.

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